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and respected by most of his countrymen. In addition, he had the ability to elicit cooperation from his colleagues. 4/

Nazimuddin has been a political foe of H.S. Suhrawardy and successfully defeated him in the election of 1947 for the Prime Ministership of East Bengal. 5/ In this election it was reported that Nazimuddin certainly had Jinnah's confidence and support. 6/

Thus Nazimuddin's selection as Governor-General, while tending to strengthen the ties between East and West Pakistan, did deprive East Bengal of its ablest political leader. 7/

Khwaja Nazimuddin is a calm and soft spoken individual.

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